the reason that he was the chief ministerial officer of his office.

(c) Part I. No

Part II. The question does not arise in view of answer to Part I.

Assignment of back-water areas for fishings.

655. **Mr. I. E. Ambooken.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether the construction of a new *chira* or the assignment of any portion of the back-water Survey. No. 978 for the purpose of fishing has been allowed by the Government recently;

(2) if the answer to the above is in the affirmative, will they be pleased to state whether they have made all the necessary enquiries regarding the advisability of such an assignment and the difficulties that may arise to the public by the same;

(3) will the Government be pleased to state whether they have consulted the matter to any of the local public institutions or leading men of the place regarding the same;

(4) will the Government be pleased to state what were the recommendations of the several officers of the Revenue Department regarding this assignment;

(5) will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received telegrams and petitions from the land-holders and cultivators of Poyya and the adjoining villages protesting against the action of the Government stating the inconvenience that may cause for their cultivations by putting up this new *chira*; if so, will they be pleased to state about the actions that have been taken regarding the same?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon—(1) Sanction was recently accorded for putting up a new *chira* in Survey No. 578 of the Poyya village.

(2) and (3) The Tahsildar inspected the place in person and made enquiries.

(4) There has been no assignment. The party was only allowed to construct a bund at his cost with an opening 350 links wide for the free flow of water.

(5) Yes. The matter is under enquiry.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken—(2) and (3): May I know whether the Tahsildar consulted about the matter with any of the local people of the Panchayat or in such quarters?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—I cannot say now.

President.—You are not justified in standing before he has sat down.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—I thought he sat down. I did not look behind.

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President.—Do not make me remind you of it.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—In the case of persons sitting behind is it taken for granted that they will sit down after putting the questions.

President—In one or two days we cannot get to this involuntary habit.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—May I know who is the final authority who gave sanction for this *chira*, is it the Diwan Peishkar or the Tahsildar?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—I think it is the Diwan Peishkar.

The inadvisability of section 76 in the Cochin Education Code.

656 **Mr. I. E. Ambooken.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the reasons that brought about this new section in the revised *Code* disregarding the right claim of those who render help to Government as well as the people in the matter of education ;

(2) if there are any reasons, will they be pleased to state whether the same exists at present ?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(1) The new section does not operate against the right claims of Managers, but is necessary to safeguard the position of Government who may have to refuse grant for want of funds or other reasons.

(2) Yes.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—There is nothing stated about the reasons for revising *the Code*. May I know what are the reasons?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—I think the reasons are given there.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—Was this reason not felt before the revision of *the Code*?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—It was felt when *the Code* was revised. It was due to previous experience.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—Before that there was no occasion?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—There were several occasions and it was why that a saving clause was introduced.

President.—You felt the necessity for one of these clauses to be revised.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—When *the Code* was being revised.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—Before the introduction of this new section, has not there been a regular claim or right for the Managers for the grant?

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